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In re application of: George R. Brandes, et al.

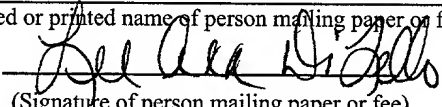
TITLE : AMORPHOUS SILICON CARBIDE THIN FILM ARTICLES

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examining the instant application on the merits, please amend the specification as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence --This is a division of U.S. Application No. 09/557,165.--

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 2-15.

REMARKS

This is a divisional of application serial no. 09/557,165, now pending.

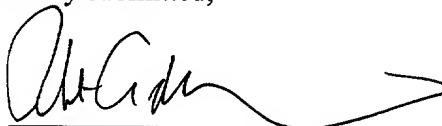
The above identified amendments serves to clearly state the claims Applicant desires to prosecute.

Applicants enclose a new specification with the desired set of claims Applicants wish to prosecute.

An early examination on the merits is earnestly solicited.

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